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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

HILL et al.

Application Number: 09/711,126

Filed: November 13, 2000

For: PAPER MAKING PROCESSES USING ENZYME AND POLYMER COMBINATIONS

) Art Unit: 1731

) Examiner: Alvo, Marc S.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 7, 2003

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated September 9, 2002, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response. A petition for a One-month Extension of Time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith, thus making the response due on or before January 9, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for the pending claims with the same numbers in the above-identified application. (A version of the amended claims with markings to show the changes made is also attached).

1. (Amended) A method of making paper or paperboard comprising:

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